PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Creator of all good things has abundantly blessed the State of South Dakota with the soil so fertile that it is capable of producing many kinds of crops and producing them in abundance; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our duties as faithful stewards, to protect, preserve and wisely use its resources and productivity from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, such stewardship embodies the safeguarding of our lands from soil erosion, our waters from wasteful loss, our forests from desolation and protection of our ranges from overgrazing, so that our descendants may have the same abundance from the good earth that we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize any failure in this stewardship of our land on our part, not only impoverishes the present generation, but by wind or water erosion our fruitful lands can eventually become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and our descendants will live in poverty because of our neglect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Archie Gubbrud, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in view of these facts and to call attention to all citizens of this State to the importance of perpetuating this stewardship of our soil and to conserve soil and water resources and prevent soil erosion as carried on, especially by the Sixty-Eight Soil Conservation Districts organized in accordance with the laws of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-14, 1961 as

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of South Dakota to be affixed this 25th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty One.

Archie Gubbrud
Governor, South Dakota

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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